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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Filing in IB Docket No. 06-160

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today Peter Rohrbach and Karis Hastings of Hogan & Hartson, counsel for SES Americom, met with Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, to discuss matters relating to the above-referenced proceeding on DBS satellites. SES Americom discussed the public interest benefits of new DBS services to U.S. consumers that would be made possible by authorization of satellites at less than nine degree spacing, consistent with its prior filings with the Commission on this subject. SES Americom also discussed the need for timely action on the issues raised in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to enable parties to make business decisions consistent with any new rules and to minimize further delays in the introduction of new services to the public.

Please direct any questions regarding this submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. A. Hastings', written in a cursive style.

Karis A. Hastings
Counsel for SES Americom, Inc.

cc: Angela Giancarlo